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	INVENTION:	“SWITCHED CONNECTION SYSTEM WITH ACCESS TO ITS OWN RESOURCES VIA THE INTERNET”

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Sir:

15 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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 - or
 - (3) the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references identified in the present application, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

	AE	International Application WO 97/22209
5	AF	International Application WO 97/35416
	AM	LAUTENBACHER, M.E. et al., "INTELLIGENT INTERNET: VALUE-ADDED SERVICES BY INTERWORKING BETWEEN NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES", ISS 1997, World Telecommunications Congress (International Switching Symposium), Global Network Evolution: Convergence or Collision, pages 45-51
10	AN	SCHOEN, U., et al., "CONVERGENCE BETWEEN PUBLIC SWITCHING AND THE INTERNET", XV1 World Telecom Congress Proceedings, ISS 1997, (International Switching Symposium), Global Network Evolution: Convergence or Collision, pages 549-560
15	AO	Siemens Terminologies ON Multimedia 12 June 1997
	AP	"Middleware: der Schrägstrich in <<Client/Server>>" Technische Rundschau Nr. 9, 1998, pp. 35-39.

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Explanation of Relevance

References AE, AF, AM, and AN were cited in the International Search Report. Reference AO contains a list of terminologies that are standard in the industry. These references are in English, so no further commentary on their teaching is necessary.

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Reference AP is a German technical article that was cited in a German Office Action dated 9 October 1998, 197 57 613.3-13, and discusses the expansion of middleware for a higher level of functionality with respect to networks and associated protocols. A full translation of this document will be created at the request of the Examiner.

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